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STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELOR COMMITTEE OF THE STATE BOARD OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY

EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF THE LICENSE OF

Administrative Action

MICHAEL MIKTUS, CADC

LICENSE NO. 37CA00090300

TO ENGAGE IN THE PRACTICE OF ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELING IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

CONSENT ORDER

This matter was opened to the Alcohol and Drug Counselor Committee of the New Jersey State Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners ("Committee") upon receipt of information that Michael Miktus ("respondent") was terminated from employment with Daytop Village of New Jersey because he submitted a false medical note following his absence from work.

Respondent's attorney, Rubin M. Sinins, Esq. (Javerbaum Wurgaft Hicks Kahn Wikstrom & Sinins) submitted a letter to the Committee stating that respondent submitted a false medical note to justify his absence from work. He stated that he recognized that

his submission of the doctor's note "represented a complete lack of judgment and was an enormous mistake." He explained that the "impetus behind the submission was his lack of funds to actually see a physician when he was ill" and that he "was fearful that, in absence of a doctor's note, he would be terminated from his employment." Respondent admitted that there was "no excuse for his conduct" and promises to "make better decisions in the future." Respondent admits that his misconduct constitutes a violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b) and N.J.A.C. 13:34C-1.8(b)(2).

It appearing that respondent desires to resolve this matter without further proceedings and the Committee finding this Consent Order to be adequately protective of the public interest, and other good cause appearing,

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IT IS ON THIS 20th DAY OF THE CONTROL OF THE CONTROL

- 1. Respondent is reprimanded based on the conduct described above of engaging in the use or employment of dishonesty, deception or misrepresentation, in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b) and N.J.A.C. 13:34C-1.8(b)(2).
- 2. Respondent shall pay civil penalties in the amount of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00). Payment shall be submitted contemporaneously with the signing of this Order. Payment shall be by certified check or money order payable to the Treasurer, State of New Jersey and submitted to Elaine DeMars, Executive Director, Professional Counselor Examiners Committee, P.O. Box 45044, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey 07101.

- 3. Failure to remit payment as required by this Order will result in the filing of a Certificate of Debt and such other proceedings as permitted by law.
- 4. Immediately upon signing this Order respondent shall submit a letter outlining the type of employment, occupation or other activity respondent he has engaged in since his termination from Daytop Village. In the event respondent engages in the practice of alcohol and drug counseling, including any volunteer, compensated or uncompensated alcohol or drug counseling, any mental health counseling or life coaching, respondent shall until further Order submit the name of his supervisor, place of employment, address and telephone number of the premises, his title and job description to the Committee office within five (5) days of commencing employment.
- 5. Respondent shall comply with all statutes and regulations, as well as professional standards of conduct and obligations imposed by law on licensed professional counselors.

ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELOR COMMITTEE OF THE STATE BOARD OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY EXAMINERS

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Edward Reading, LCADC

Chair

I have read and understand this Order and agree to be bound by its terms. Consent is hereby given to the Board to enter this Order.

Michael Miktus, CADC

Consent as to form and entry:

Rubin M. Sinins, Esq.
Javerbaum Wurgaft Hicks Kahn Wikstrom & Sinins
Attorney for Michael Miktus, CADC

To whom it may concern:

Since being terminated from my employment from Daytop Village inc. in March 2011 I have not had any type of employment either in the field of substance abuse or any other job up to the present date of July 7, 2011. As stated in the letter, I will submit within five days the name of my employer and my supervisor as soon as I obtain a job in the substance abuse field and will continue to submit the name of my employer and supervisor should I change employment until I am notified by the board that I can discontinue this practice.

Michael Miktus, BSW CADC